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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. TURKEY: ECEVIT'S UNFOLDING POSITION

EMBASSY ANKARA REPORTS THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, BREAKING HIS SILENCE ON THE JULY 24 CONGRESSIONAL VOTE, IS ACCUSING THE GOVERNMENT OF BEING NEITHER DECISIVE NOR FAR REACHING ENOUGH IN ITS COUNTERMEASURES. ECEVIT THUS IS SERVING NOTICE THAT HE AND HIS PARTY WILL BE PUSHING FOR DIMINUTION OF THE US ROLE IN TURKEY, EVEN IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: ONE OF THE EMBARGO'S MOST DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES IS THAT IT MAY LEAD ECEVIT TO BEGIN A PUBLIC MOVE AWAY FROM TURKEY'S TRADITIONAL FOREIGN POLICY COURSE TOWARD A BREAK WITH THE WEST. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 6116, 8/6.)

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### 2. ARGENTINE: NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT

EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTS THAT NICASIO SANCHEZ TORANZO, BACKED BY MRS. PERON'S REMAINING POLITICAL PRESTIGE, HAS APPARENTLY SECURED THE NECESSARY VOTES TO ENSURE HIS ELECTION AS CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT. A FORMAL VOTE IS EXPECTED LATER THIS WEEK.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE BATTLE TO NAME A SUCCESSOR TO OUSTED PRESIDENT RAUL LASTIRI NOT ONLY HAS BADLY STRAINED PERONIST UNITY BUT ALSO HAS BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE INVOLVING ALL KEY POLITICAL AND LABOR SECTORS. FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE INCREASINGLY WIDELY SHARED IMAGE IS ONE OF POLITICIANS FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE WHILE THE SHIP SINKS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 5304, 8/6.)

### 3. TUNISIA

#### A. MEDIATION IN THE SAHARA

FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR SEELYE THAT THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MEDIATING THE SPANISH SAHARA DISPUTE AND THAT A FIRM AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA TO DIVIDE UP THE TERRITORY. CHATTI CLAIMED THAT BORDERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN AND THERE IS AGREEMENT ON SHARING OF MINERAL RESOURCES. AMBASSADOR SEELYE BELIEVES THE TUNISIANS ARE EXAGGERATING AND HAS ASKED OUR EMBASSIES IN RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT TO COMMENT ON THE VALIDITY OF CHATTI'S ASSERTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) TUNIS 4745 (EXDIS), 8/6.)

#### B. SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN OPPOSED

FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR SEELYE THAT, WHILE TUNISIA WILL NOT STAND ALONE IN THE FACE OF ANY OVERWHELMING ARAB CONSENSUS AT THE UN, IT WILL "QUIETLY" OPPOSE EFFORTS TO OUST ISRAEL. WHILE SYMPATHETIC "IN PRINCIPLE" TO A SUSPENSION MOVEMENT, THE GOT WILL OPPOSE IT BECAUSE:

--IT WOULD COMPLICATE US PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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--TUNISIA'S EUROPEAN FRIENDS, PARTICULARLY TITO, WOULD DISAPPROVE.

--THE UN STRUCTURE WOULD BE DAMAGED. (CONFIDENTIAL) TUNIS 4742, 8/6.)

### 4. EGYPT SEEKS INCREASED ASSISTANCE

FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI SUGGESTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION MAESTRONE AUGUST 6 THAT FOR FY 76 THE US SHOULD CONSIDER MAKING AVAILABLE ONE MILLION TONS OF PL 480 WHEAT TO EGYPT, IN VIEW OF THE US BUMPER CROP. COMMENTING RUEFULLY ON THE EGYPTIAN PURCHASE OF ONE MILLION TONS OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT AT THE HIGHEST PRICE, FAHMI ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE OF GETTING A

REBATE ON THEIR NEXT PURCHASE. MAESTRONE REPLIED THAT BOTH A US DEAL AND AN AUSTRALIAN REBATE WERE UNLIKELY. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 7745 (EXDIS), 8/6.)

5. GREECE: PAPANDREOU SAYS "NATO AND CIA DID IT"

EMBASSY ATHENS REPORTS THAT ANDREAS PAPANDREOU IN HIS TESTIMONY AT THE TRIAL OF THE 1967 COUP LEADERS ALLEGED THAT THE PRINCIPAL FIGURES WERE ACTING UNDER US AND NATO ORDERS. PAPANDREOU ALSO:

--CLAIMED THAT THE US AS EARLY AS 1967 SOUGHT THE PARTITION OF CYPRUS TO OBTAIN BASES ON THE ISLAND;

--MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE GREEK MILITARY AND THE COUP MAKERS, NOTING THAT THE ARMY WAS THE COUP'S FIRST VICTIM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) ATHENS 5945, 8/6.)

6. ARMY ASSUMES BROAD POWERS IN MOZAMBIQUE

FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL HAS GIVEN THE PEOPLE'S FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE (FPLM) A SWEEPING NEW NATIONAL ROLE AFFECTING VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE POST-SCHOOL GENERATION OF YOUTH. IN AN AUGUST 2 RESOLUTION, THE FPLM IS CHARGED WITH:

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--MOBILIZING THE MASSES TO MEET THE NATION'S MANPOWER NEEDS;

--SUPERVISING COMPULSORY TWO-YEAR NATIONAL SERVICE FOR ALL CITIZENS;

--PROVIDING IDEOLOGICALLY SOUND CADRES FOR KEY STATE JOBS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LOURENCO MARQUES 832, 8/6.)

7. OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND SUMMIT ASSESSED

EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA, REVIEWING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA, CITES THE SUB-SAHARAN STATES' VIC-

TORY OVER THE ARAB STATES ON THE ISRAELI ISSUE AS THE MAIN  
DEVELOPMENT. THE BLACK AFRICAN-ARAB CONFRONTATION:

--WHILE MAKING AN APPARENT CASUALTY OF "AFRO-ARAB COOP-  
ERATION," GAVE THE VICTORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMON-  
STRATE CONSIDERABLE COHESION, UNITY OF PURPOSE AND  
TACTICAL SKILL; IT ALSO

--PUT THE ARABS ON NOTICE THAT THEY MUST UP THEIR ECO-  
NOMIC ANTE IN AFRICA IF THEY WANT AFRICAN SUPPORT ON  
ARAB ISSUES;

--KILLED ANY NEAR TERM POSSIBILITY OF AFRICAN SUPPORT  
FOR ISRAELI SUSPENSION.

IN OTHER ACTIONS, THE CONFEREES:

--CALLED ON THE ANGOLAN INSURGENTS TO STOP FIGHTING AND  
NAMED A DELEGATION, WHICH AMIN MIGHT LEAD, TO GO TO  
ANGOLA;

--RATIFIED THE APRIL 1975 DAR ES SALAAM RESOLUTIONS,  
URGING COMPLETE ISOLATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND  
RHODESIAN REGIMES AND VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNING THOSE WHO  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE GOWON'S TOPPLING DEALT THE MEETING A  
MAJOR BLOW, THE CONFEREES RECOVERED ENOUGH TO MEET SOME OF  
THE ISSUES SQUARELY BEFORE TIME PRESSURES FORCED A RETREAT  
IN THE FACE OF OTHER NEARLY INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS. AMIN SHOWED  
THE PARTICIPANTS BY HIS COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE IN THE CHAIR  
THAT, ALTHOUGH CERTAINLY NO STATESMAN, NEITHER IS HE A BUF-  
FOON. (CONFIDENTIAL) ADDIS ABABA 9462 8/6.) KISSINGER

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